

**PHAZER**<sup>III</sup>

For Serial Nos. 720,000 & Higher

Part No. 4500-269 Rev. A

## **AWARNING**

#### CALIFORNIA Proposition 65 Warning

The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

Important: When the mower is used or operated on any California forest, brush or grass covered land, a working spark arrester must be attached to the muffler. If not, the operator is violating state law, Section 4442 Public Resource Code. To acquire a spark arrester for your unit, see your Engine Service Dealer.

This spark ignition system complies with Canadian ICES-002 Ce système d'allumage par ètincelle de vèhicule est conforme à la norme NMB-002 du Canada

The enclosed Engine Owner's Manual is supplied for information regarding The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Emission Control Regulation of emission systems, maintenance and warranty.

Keep this engine Owner's Manual with your unit. Should this engine Owner's Manual become damaged or illegible, replace immediately. Replacements may be ordered through the engine manufacturer.

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# Introduction

**CONGRATULATIONS** on the purchase of your Exmark Mower. This product has been carefully designed and manufactured to give you a maximum amount of dependability and years of trouble-free operation.

This manual contains operating, maintenance, adjustment, and safety instructions for your Exmark mower.

#### BEFORE OPERATING YOUR MOWER, CAREFULLY READ THIS MANUAL IN ITS ENTIRETY.

By following the operating, maintenance, and safety instructions, you will prolong the life of your mower, maintain its maximum efficiency, and promote safe operation.

If additional information is needed, or should you require trained mechanic service, contact your authorized Exmark equipment dealer or distributor.

All Exmark equipment dealers and distributors are kept informed of the latest methods of servicing and are equipped to provide prompt and efficient service in the field or at their service stations. They carry ample stock of service parts or can secure them promptly for you from the factory.

All Exmark parts are thoroughly tested and inspected before leaving the factory, however, attention is required on your part if you are to obtain the fullest measure of satisfaction and performance.

Whenever you need service, genuine Exmark parts, or additional information, contact an Authorized Service Dealer or Exmark Customer Service and have the model and serial numbers of your product ready.

Figure 1 identifies the location of the model and serial numbers on the product. Write the numbers in the space provided.

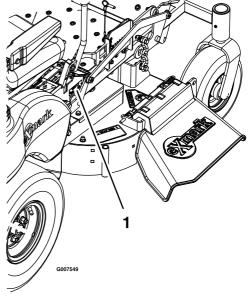


Figure 1

1. Model and serial number location

Model No	
Serial No.	

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# Safety Safety Alert Symbol

This Safety Alert Symbol (Figure 2) is used both in this manual and on the machine to identify important safety messages which must be followed to avoid accidents

This symbol means: **ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!** 



Safety alert symbol

The safety alert symbol appears above information which alerts you to unsafe actions or situations and will be followed by the word **DANGER**, **WARNING**, or **CAUTION**.

**DANGER**: White lettering / Red background. Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **Will** result in death or serious injury.

**WARNING**: Black lettering / Orange background. Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **Could** result in death or serious injury.

**CAUTION**: Black lettering / Yellow background. Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **May** result in minor or moderate injury.

This manual uses two other words to highlight information. **Important** calls attention to special mechanical information and **Note** emphasizes general information worthy of special attention.

# **Safe Operating Practices**

## **Training**

- Read the Operator's Manual and other training material. If the operator(s) or mechanic(s) can not read English it is the owner's responsibility to explain this material to them.
- Become familiar with the safe operation of the equipment, operator controls, and safety signs.
- All operators and mechanics should be trained.
   The owner is responsible for training the users.

- Never let children or untrained people operate or service the equipment. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.
- The owner/user can prevent and is responsible for accidents or injuries occurring to himself or herself, other people or property.

#### **Preparation**

- Evaluate the terrain to determine what accessories and attachments are needed to properly and safely perform the job. Only use accessories and attachments approved by Exmark.
- Wear appropriate clothing including safety glasses, substantial footwear, long trousers, and hearing protection. Do Not operate when barefoot or when wearing open sandals. Long hair, loose clothing or jewelry may get tangled in moving parts.

## **A** CAUTION

This machine produces sound levels in excess of 85 dBA at the operator's ear and can cause hearing loss through extended periods of exposure.

Wear hearing protection when operating this machine.

 Inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all rocks, toys, sticks, wires, bones, and other foreign objects which can be thrown by the machine and may cause personal injury to the operator or bystanders.

## **A** DANGER

In certain conditions gasoline is extremely flammable and vapors are explosive.

A fire or explosion from gasoline can burn you, others, and cause property damage.

- Fill the fuel tank outdoors in an open area, when the engine is cold. Wipe up any gasoline that spills.
- Never refill the fuel tank or drain the machine indoors or inside an enclosed trailer.
- Do Not fill the fuel tank completely full. Add gasoline to the fuel tank until the level is 1/4 to 1/2 inch (6–13 mm) below the bottom of the filler neck. This empty space in the tank allows gasoline to expand.
- Never smoke when handling gasoline, and stay away from an open flame or where gasoline fumes may be ignited by spark.
- Store gasoline in an approved container and keep it out of the reach of children.
- Add fuel before starting the engine.
   Never remove the cap of the fuel tank or add fuel when engine is running or when the engine is hot.
- If fuel is spilled, Do Not attempt to start the engine. Move away from the area of the spill and avoid creating any source of ignition until fuel vapors have dissipated.
- Do Not operate without entire exhaust system in place and in proper working condition.

## **A** DANGER

In certain conditions during fueling, static electricity can be released causing a spark which can ignite gasoline vapors. A fire or explosion from gasoline can burn you and others and cause property damage.

- Always place gasoline containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.
- Do Not fill gasoline containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed because interior carpets or plastic truck bed liners may insulate the container and slow the loss of any static charge.
- When practical, remove gas-powered equipment from the truck or trailer and refuel the equipment with its wheels on the ground.
- If this is not possible, then refuel such equipment on a truck or trailer from a portable container, rather than from a gasoline dispenser nozzle.
- If a gasoline dispenser nozzle must be used, keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until fueling is complete.

## WARNING

Gasoline is harmful or fatal if swallowed. Long-term exposure to vapors has caused cancer in laboratory animals. Failure to use caution may cause serious injury or illness.

- Avoid prolonged breathing of vapors.
- Keep face away from nozzle and gas tank/container opening.
- Keep away from eyes and skin.
- Never siphon by mouth.
- Check that the operator's presence controls, safety switches, and shields are attached and functioning properly. Do Not operate unless they are functioning properly.

#### **Operation**

## **A WARNING**

Operating engine parts, especially the muffler, become extremely hot. Severe burns can occur on contact and debris, such as leaves, grass, brush, etc. can catch fire.

- Allow engine parts, especially the muffler, to cool before touching.
- Remove accumulated debris from muffler and engine area.
- Install and maintain in working order a spark arrester before using equipment on forest-covered, grass-covered, or brush-covered unimproved land.

## **A WARNING**

Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide, which is an odorless deadly poison that can kill you.

Do Not run engine indoors or in a small confined area where dangerous carbon monoxide fumes can collect.

- Operate only in daylight or good artificial light, keeping away from holes and hidden hazards.
- Be sure all drives are in neutral and parking brake is engaged before starting engine.
- Never operate the mower with damaged guards, shields, or covers. Always have safety shields, guards, switches and other devices in place and in proper working condition.
- Never mow with the discharge deflector raised, removed or altered unless there is a grass collection system or mulch kit in place and working properly.
- Do Not change the engine governor setting or overspeed the engine.
- Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, remove key and engage parking brake:
  - Before checking, cleaning or working on the mower.
  - After striking a foreign object or abnormal vibration occurs (inspect the mower for

- damage and make repairs before restarting and operating the mower).
- Before clearing blockages.
- Whenever you leave the mower.
- Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and engage parking brake:
  - Before refueling.
  - Before dumping the grass catcher.

## **A WARNING**

Hands, feet, hair, clothing, or accessories can become entangled in rotating parts. Contact with the rotating parts can cause traumatic amputation or severe lacerations.

- Do Not operate the machine without guards, shields, and safety devices in place and working properly.
- Keep hands, feet, hair, jewelry, or clothing away from rotating parts.
- NEVER carry passengers. DO NOT operate the mower when people, especially children, or pets are in the area.
- Be alert, slow down and use caution when making turns. Look behind and to the side before changing directions.
- Stop the blades, slow down, and use caution when crossing surfaces other than grass and when transporting the mower to and from the area to be mowed.
- Be aware of the mower discharge path and direct discharge away from others.
- Do Not operate the mower under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Use extreme care when loading or unloading the machine into a trailer or truck.
- Use care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.

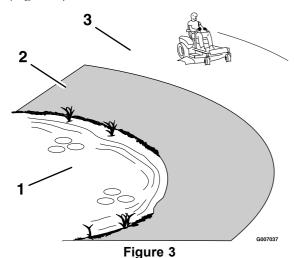
## **Slope Operation**

Use **Extreme** caution when mowing and/or turning on slopes as loss of traction and/or tip-over could occur. The operator is responsible for safe operation on slopes.

## **A** DANGER

Operating on wet grass or steep slopes can cause sliding and loss of control. Wheels dropping over edges, ditches, steep banks, or water can cause rollovers, which may result in serious injury, death or drowning.

- Do Not mow slopes when grass is wet.
- Do Not mow near drop-offs or near water.
- Do Not mow slopes greater than 15 degrees.
- Reduce speed and use extreme caution on slopes.
- Avoid sudden turns or rapid speed changes.
- See inside the back cover to determine the approximate slope angle of the area to be mowed.
- Use a walk behind mower and/or a hand trimmer near drop-offs, ditches, steep banks or water. (Figure 3).



. Water

- 3. Safe Zone-Use the mower here on slopes less than 15 degrees
- Danger Zone-Use a walk behind mower and/or hand trimmer near drop-offs and water.
- Remove or mark obstacles such as rocks, tree limbs, etc. from the mowing area. Tall grass can hide obstacles.

- Watch for ditches, holes, rocks, dips and rises that change the operating angle, as rough terrain could overturn the machine.
- Avoid sudden starts when mowing uphill because the mower may tip backwards.
- Be aware that loss of traction may occur going downhill. Weight transfer to the front wheels may cause drive wheels to slip and cause loss of braking and steering.
- Always avoid sudden starting or stopping on a slope. If tires lose traction, disengage the blades and proceed slowly off the slope.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for wheel weights or counter weights to improve stability.
- Use extreme care with grass catchers or attachments. These can change the stability of the machine and cause loss of control.

## **Maintenance and Storage**

- Disengage drives, lower implement, set parking brake, stop engine and remove key or disconnect spark plug wire. Wait for all movement to stop before adjusting, cleaning or repairing.
- Keep engine, engine area, and pump drive belt compartment free from accumulation of grass, leaves, excessive grease or oil, and other debris which can accumulate in these areas. These materials can become combustible and may result in a fire.
- Let engine cool before storing and do not store near flame or any enclosed area where open pilot lights or heat appliances are present.
- Shut off fuel while storing or transporting. Do Not store fuel near flames or drain indoors.
- Park machine on level ground. Never allow untrained personnel to service machine.
- Use jack stands to support components when required.
- Carefully release pressure from components with stored energy.
- Disconnect battery or remove spark plug wire before making any repairs. Disconnect the negative terminal first and the positive last. Reconnect positive first and negative last.
- Use care when checking blades. Wrap the blade(s) or wear gloves, and use caution when servicing

- them. Only replace blades. Never straighten or weld them.
- Keep hands and feet away from moving parts.
   If possible, Do Not make adjustments with the engine running.
- Charge batteries in an open well ventilated area, away from spark and flames. Unplug charger before connecting or disconnecting from battery. Wear protective clothing and use insulated tools.
- Keep all guards, shields and all safety devices in place and in safe working condition.
- Check all bolts frequently to maintain proper tightness.
- Frequently check for worn or deteriorating components that could create a hazard.
- All replacement parts must be the same as or equivalent to the parts supplied as original equipment.

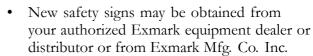
## **A WARNING**

Hydraulic fluid escaping under pressure can penetrate skin and cause injury. Fluid accidentally injected into the skin must be surgically removed within a few hours by a doctor familiar with this form of injury or gangrene may result.

- Make sure all hydraulic fluid hoses and lines are in good condition and all hydraulic connections and fittings are tight before applying pressure to hydraulic system.
- Keep body and hands away from pinhole leaks or nozzles that eject high pressure hydraulic fluid.
- Use cardboard or paper, not your hands, to find hydraulic leaks.
- Safely relieve all pressure in the hydraulic system by placing the motion control levers in neutral and shutting off the engine before performing any work on the hydraulic system.

## **Safety and Instructional Decals**

- Keep all safety signs legible. Remove all grease, dirt and debris from safety signs and instructional labels.
- Replace all worn, damaged, or missing safety signs.
- When replacement components are installed, be sure that current safety signs are affixed to the replaced components.
- If an attachment or accessory has been installed, make sure current safety signs are visible.



- Safety signs may be affixed by peeling off the backing to expose the adhesive surface. Apply only to a clean, dry surface. Smooth to remove any air bubbles.
- Familiarize yourself with the following safety signs and instruction labels. They are critical to the safe operation of your Exmark commercial mower.



1-303508



93-8069

 Hot surface/burn hazard—stay a safe distance from the hot surface.



1-403005



98-5954



1-513747

## **A** CAUTION

- Loose or Damaged Blade Bolt may allow blade to come out from under deck at HIGH SPEED.
- Replace Blade Bolt after striking a foreign object.
   Torque Blade Bolt to 115-120 FT-LBS (156-163N m)
   SEE OPERATOR'S MANUAL 103-101

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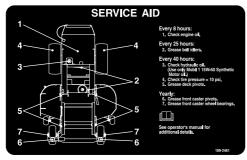
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- 1. Fast
- 2. Slow

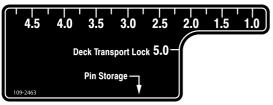
- Neutral
- 4. Reverse



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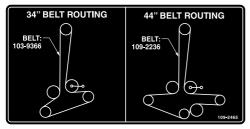
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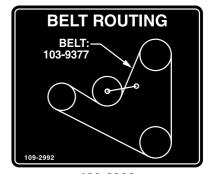
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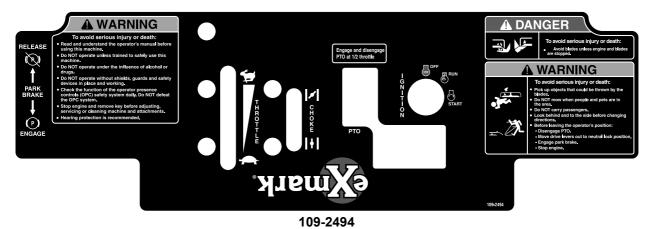
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# **Specifications**

#### **Model Numbers**

Serial Nos: 720,000 and Higher

PHZ19KA343; PHZ19KA343CA

## **Systems**

## **Engine**

 Engine Specifications: See your Engine Owner's Manual

RPM: Full Speed: 3750 ±100 RPM (No Load)
 Idle: 1400 RPM

## **Fuel System**

Capacity: 7.7 gal. (29.1 L)

Type of Fuel: Regular unleaded gasoline, 87 octane or higher.

Fuel Filter: In-line Kawasaki P/N 49019–7001

 Fuel Shut-Off Valve: 1/4 turn increments ("ON", "OFF")

## **Electrical System**

Charging System: Flywheel Alternator

Charging Capacity: 13 ampsBattery Type: BCI Group U1

• Battery Voltage: 12 Volt

• Polarity: Negative Ground

• Fuses: Two 20 amp blade type

## Safety Interlock System

• PTO must be disengaged, brake engaged, and motion control levers out (neutral lock) to start engine. (It is not necessary for the operator to be in the seat to start the engine.)

 Operator must be in seat when PTO is engaged, brake is disengaged, or motion control levers are moved in or engine will stop.

 Engine will stop if either the left, the right, or both levers are moved from neutral lock position while brake is engaged.

## **Operator Controls**

Steering and Motion Control:

**Note:** Motion control levers are adjustable to two heights.

- Separate levers, on each side of the console, control speed and direction of travel of the respective drive wheels.
- Steering is controlled by varying the position of the levers relative to each other.
- Moving motion control levers outward (in slots) locks the drive system in neutral.
- PTO Engagement Switch: Engages electric clutch (to drive belt) which engages mower blades.
- Parking Brake Lever: Engages parking brake.
- Deck Height Adjustment Lever: Sets cutting height to desired position.
- Deck Lift Assist Lever: Foot pedal that assists in raising the deck.

#### Seat

- Type: Standard seat with high back, foam padded, (internal suspension) and armrests.
- Mounting: Hinged to tilt up for access to battery and other components. Held in tilted position with lanyard. Adjustable fore and aft seat track.
- Armrests: Standard–foam padded flip-up armrests.
- Seat Safety Switch: Incorporated into the Safety Interlock System. Time delay seat switch eliminates rough ground cut-outs.

## **Hydrostatic Ground Drive System**

- Hydrostatic Drive: Two Hydro Gear ZT2800 Integrated drive systems.
- Hydraulic Oil Type: Use Mobil 1 15W-50 Synthetic motor oil.

## **Specifications**

- Speeds:
  - 0-7.2 mph (11.6 km/hr) forward.
  - 0-4.0 mph (6.4 km/hr) reverse.
- Drive wheel releases allow machine to be moved when engine is not running and brake is off (left and right sides of engine).

#### **Tires & Wheels**

	Drive	Front Caster
	Pneumatic (Air-Filled)	Semi-Pneumatic
Quantity	2	2
Tread	Turf Mate	Smooth
Size	18 x 7.00-8	11 x 4.00-5
Ply Rating	4	
Pressure	13 psi (90 kPa)	

## **Cutting Deck**

• Cutting Width: 34.5 inches (87.6 cm)

Discharge: Side

• Blade Size: (2 ea.) 17.50 inches (44.5 cm)

 Blade Spindles: Solid steel spindles with 1 inch (25.4 mm) I.D. bearings.

• Deck Drive:

- Electric clutch mounted on vertical engine shaft.
- Blades are driven by one belt (w/self-tensioning idler) direct from the engine.
- Deck:

Full floating deck is attached to out-front support frame.

Two optional anti-scalp rollers.

Deck design allows for bagging, mulching or side discharge.

- Deck Depth: 5.0 inches (12.7 cm)
- Cutting Height Adjustment:

Foot operated deck lift lever is used to adjust the cutting height from 1 inch (2.5 cm) to 5 inches (12.7 cm) in 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) increments.

The cutting height adjustment handle has a transport position and all adjustments can be made while the operator remains seated.

• Mulching Kit: Optional.

## **Dimensions**

#### **Overall Width:**

Without Deck	34.5 inches (87.6 cm)
Deflector Up	35.0 inches (89.0 cm)
Deflector Down	44.0 inches (111.8 cm)

## **Overall Length:**

70.0 inches (177.8 cm)

## **Overall Height:**

39.0 inches (99.1 cm)

# Tread Width: (Center to Center of Tires, Widthwise)

Drive Wheels	26.5 inches (67.3 cm)
Caster Wheels	29.0 inches (73.7 cm)

# Wheel Base: (Center of Caster Tire to Center of Drive Tire)

45.0 inches (114.3 cm)

## **Curb Weight:**

570 lb (258.5 kg)

# **Torque Requirements**

Bolt Location	Torque
Cutter Housing Spindle Nut	140-145 ft-lb (190-197 N-m)
Blade Mounting Bolt	115-120 ft-lb (156-163 N-m)
Anti-Scalp Roller Nyloc Nut	40-45 ft-lb (54-61 N-m)
Engine Mounting Bolts	25-30 ft-lb (34-41 N-m)
Wheel Lug Nuts	90-95 ft-lb (122-129 N-m)
Clutch Retaining Bolt (secured with threadlocker)	55-60 ft-lb (75-81 N-m)

# **Product Overview**

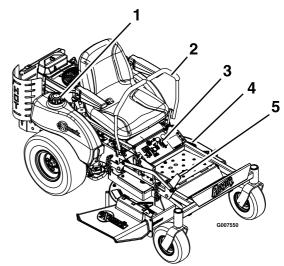


Figure 4

- 1. Fuel Cap
- 2. Motion Control Lever
- 3. Controls
- 4. Parking Brake Lever
- 5. Height-of-Cut Foot Lever

# **Operation**

**Note:** Determine the left and right sides of the machine from the normal operating position.

## **Controls**

#### **Motion Control Levers**

The motion control levers located on each side of the console control the forward and reverse motion of the machine. The levers control the flow of hydraulic oil from the hydrostatic pump to the drive wheel motor for each side.

Moving the levers forward or backward turns the wheel on the same side forward or in reverse. Wheel speed is proportional to the amount the lever is moved.

Moving the levers outward from the center position into the T-slot locks them in the neutral position (Figure 5).

#### **Choke Control**

Located on the center of the console.

The choke is used to aid in starting a cold engine. Moving the choke lever forward will put the choke in the "ON" position and moving the choke lever to the rear will put the choke in the "OFF" position. Do Not run a warm engine with choke in the "ON" position.

#### **Throttle Control**

Located on the center of the console (to the left side of the choke).

The throttle is used to control engine speed. Moving the throttle lever forward will increase engine speed and moving the throttle lever to the rear will decrease engine speed.

#### **Brake Lever**

Located on left side of the console.

The brake lever engages a parking brake on the drive wheels.

Pull the lever up and rearward to engage the brake.

Push the lever forward and down to disengage the brake.

The unit must be tied down and brake engaged when transporting.

#### **Ignition Switch**

Located right of center on the console.

The ignition switch is used to start and stop the engine. The switch has three positions "OFF", "ON" and "START". Insert key into switch and rotate clockwise to the "ON" position. Rotate clockwise to the next position to engage the starter (key must be held against spring pressure in this position).

**Note:** Brake must be engaged, motion control levers out (neutral lock position) and PTO switch "OFF" to start engine. (It is not necessary for the operator to be in the seat to start the engine.)

#### **Hour Meter**

Located right of center on the console (below ignition switch).

The hour meter is connected to a pressure switch installed in the engine block and it records the number of hours that the engine has run. If the ignition switch is left on without engine running, hour meter will not run.

**Note:** This switch is not a low oil sensor and will not alert the operator if the engine oil is low.

#### Fuel Shut-Off Valve

The valve is located in the fuel line midway between the fuel tank and the engine behind the seat.

The fuel shut-off valve is used to shut off the fuel when the machine will not be used for a few days, during transport to and from the jobsite, and when parked inside a building.

Rotate the valve 1/4 turn clockwise to shut off fuel. Rotate the valve 1/4 turn counterclockwise to turn on fuel.

#### **Drive Wheel Release Levers**

Located at the rear of the mainframe.

Drive wheel release levers are used to release the hydrostatic drive system to allow the machine to be pushed without the engine running. Pull each lever rearward and outward to lock. Pull each lever inward and push forward to reset. **Do Not tow machine.** 

## **PTO Engagement Switch**

Located right of center on the console (left side of ignition switch).

Switch must be pulled out to the "ROTATE" position to engage the blades. Switch is pushed in to the "STOP" position to stop the blades.

#### **Pre-Start**

Fill fuel tanks. For best results use only clean, fresh regular grade unleaded gasoline with an octane rating of 87 or higher. Regular grade leaded gasoline may also be used; however, combustion chamber and cylinder head will require more frequent service. See Engine Owner's Manual.

Do Not add oil to gasoline.

**Do Not** overfill fuel tank. Never fill the fuel tank so that the fuel level rises above a level that is 1/2 inch (13 mm) below the bottom of the filler neck to allow for fuel expansion and prevent fuel spillage.

Make sure you understand the controls, their locations, their functions, and their safety requirements.

Refer to the Maintenance section and perform all the necessary inspection and maintenance steps.

## **Operating Instructions**

## **Open the Fuel Shut-Off Valve**

The fuel shut off valve is located under the seat in the fuel line between the left fuel tank and the engine. Rotate the valve 1/4 turn counterclockwise to turn on fuel.

## Starting the Engine

- 1. Move the motion control levers out to the neutral lock position.
- 2. Pull up and back on the parking brake lever to engage the parking brake.
- 3. Push in on the PTO switch to the "STOP" position.

**Note:** It is not necessary for the operator to be in the seat to start the engine.

- 4. Place the throttle midway between the "SLOW" and "FAST" positions.
- 5. On a cold engine, push the choke lever forward into the "ON" position.
  - On a warm engine, leave the choke in the "OFF" position.
- 6. Turn ignition switch to the "START" position. Release the switch as soon as the engine starts.

Important: Do Not crank the engine continuously for more than ten seconds at a time. If the engine does not start, allow a 60 second cool-down period between starting attempts. Failure to follow these guidelines can burn out the starter motor.

7. If the choke is in the "ON" position, gradually return choke to the "OFF" position as the engine warms up.

## **Engaging the PTO**

## **A** DANGER

The rotating blades under the mower deck are dangerous. Blade contact can cause serious injury or kill you.

Do Not put hands or feet under the mower or mower deck when the blades are engaged.

## **A** DANGER

An uncovered discharge opening will allow objects to be thrown in an operator's or bystander's direction. Also, contact with the blade could occur. Thrown objects or blade contact can cause serious injury or death.

Never operate the mower with the discharge deflector raised, removed, or altered unless there is a grass collection system or mulch kit in place and working properly.

The PTO push-pull switch engages the cutting blades. Be sure that all persons are clear of the mower deck and discharge area before engaging PTO.

# **Important:** Operator must be in seat before the PTO can be engaged.

- 1. Set the throttle to the "MIDWAY" position.
- 2. Pull the PTO switch outward to the "ROTATE" position.
- 3. Place the throttle in the "FAST" position to begin mowing.

## **Disengaging the PTO**

- 1. Set the throttle to the "MIDWAY" position.
- 2. Push the PTO switch in to the "STOP" position to disengage the blades.

## Stopping the Engine

- 1. Bring the unit to a full stop.
- 2. Disengage the PTO.
- 3. Move the motion control levers out to the neutral lock position.
- 4. Engage the parking brake.
- 5. Place the throttle midway between the "SLOW" and "FAST" positions.
- 6. Allow the engine to run for a minimum of 15 seconds, then turn the ignition switch to the "OFF" position to stop the engine.
- 7. Remove the key to prevent children or other unauthorized persons from starting engine.
- 8. Close the fuel shut-off valve when the machine will not be in use for a few days, when transporting, or when the unit is parked inside a building.

## **Driving the Machine**

## **A** CAUTION

Machine can spin very rapidly by positioning one lever too much ahead of the other. Operator may lose control of the machine, which may cause damage to the machine or injury.

- Use caution when making turns.
- Slow the machine down before making sharp turns.

**Important:** To begin movement (forward or backward) the operator must be in the seat, the brake lever must be disengaged (pushed down) before the motion control levers can be moved in or the engine will stop.

When levers are centered in the T-slot the drive system is in the neutral position. With levers moved out in the T-slot the drive system is in the neutral lock position (Figure 5).

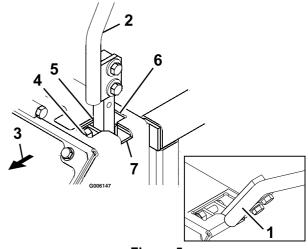


Figure 5

- Handles Out (Neutral Lock)
- 2. Handles In (Neutral)
- 3. Front of Unit
- 4. Forward
- Neutral
- 6. Reverse
- 7. Neutral Lock

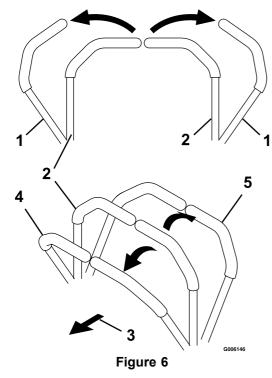
#### **Driving Forward**

- 1. Release the parking brake.
- 2. Move the motion control levers inward to the center to the neutral unlocked position.
- 3. To move forward in a straight line apply equal forward pressure to both levers.

To turn left or right, pull the motion control lever back toward neutral in the direction desired.

The machine will move faster the farther the motion control levers are moved away from neutral.

4. To stop, pull the motion control levers back to the neutral position.



- Handles Out (Neutral Lock)
- 4. Forward
- 2. Handles In (Neutral)
- 5. Reverse
- 3. Front of Unit

#### Driving in Reverse

- 1. Move the motion control levers inward to the center to the neutral unlocked position.
- 2. To move rearward in a straight line applying equal pressure pull both motion control levers rearward.

To turn left or right, release pressure on the motion control lever toward the direction desired.

3. To stop, push the motion control levers to the neutral position.

## **Adjusting the Cutting Height**

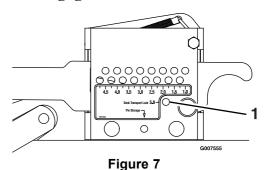
The cutting height of the mower deck is adjusted from 1 inch to 5 inches (2.5 cm to 12.7 cm) in 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) increments.

- 1. Stop the machine and move the motion control levers outward to the neutral locked position.
- 2. Disengage the PTO.
- 3. Raise the deck height lever to the transport position (also the 5 inch (12.7 cm) cutting height position)(Figure 7).

The deck can be raised by pulling the deck lever up and/or by pushing down on the foot operated

deck lift assist lever located at the front right corner of the floor pan.

**Note:** When changing the cutting height positions, always come to a complete stop and disengage the PTO.



- Transport position and 5 inch (12.7 cm) cutting height position
- 4. Insert the height adjustment pin into the hole corresponding to the desired cutting height and install the hairpin cotter pin.

See the decal on the side of the deck lift plate for cut heights.

- 5. Move the deck height lever out of the transport position (or 5 inch (12.7 cm) cutting height) and down onto the height adjustment pin to mow at selected height.
- 6. To transport, move lever back up to transport (or 5 inch (12.7 cm) cutting height) position.

## **Transporting**

## **Transporting a Unit**

Use a heavy-duty trailer or truck to transport the machine. Lock brake and block wheels. Securely fasten the machine to the trailer or truck with straps, chains, cable, or ropes. Be sure that the trailer or truck has all necessary lighting and marking as required by law. Secure a trailer with a safety chain.

## **A** CAUTION

This unit does not have proper turn signals, lights, reflective markings, or a slow moving vehicle emblem. Driving on a street or roadway without such equipment is dangerous and can lead to accidents causing personal injury. Driving on a street or roadway without such equipment may also be a violation of State laws and the operator may be subject to traffic tickets and/or fines.

Do Not drive a unit on a public street or roadway.

## **A WARNING**

Loading a unit on a trailer or truck increases the possibility of backward tip-over. Backward tip-over could cause serious injury or death.

- Use extreme caution when operating a unit on a ramp.
- Use only a single, full width ramp; Do Not use individual ramps for each side of the unit.
- If individual ramps must be used, use enough ramps to create an unbroken ramp surface wider than the unit.
- Do Not exceed a 15° angle between ramp and ground or between ramp and trailer or truck.
- Avoid sudden acceleration while driving unit up a ramp to avoid tipping backward.
- Avoid sudden deceleration while backing unit down a ramp to avoid tipping backward.

## Loading a Unit

Use extreme caution when loading units on trailers or trucks. One full width ramp that is wide enough to extend beyond the rear tires is recommended instead of individual ramps for each side of the unit. The lower rear section of the tractor frame extends back between the rear wheels and serves as a stop for tipping backward. Having a full width ramp provides

a surface for the frame members to contact if the unit starts to tip backward. If it is not possible to use one full width ramp, use enough individual ramps to simulate a full width continuous ramp.

Ramp should be long enough so that the angles between the ramp and the ground and the ramp and the trailer or truck do not exceed 15°. A steeper angle may cause mower deck components to get caught as the unit moves from ramp to trailer or truck. Steeper angles may also cause the unit to tip backward. If loading on or near a slope, position the trailer or truck so it is on the down side of the slope and the ramp extends up the slope. This will minimize the ramp angle. The trailer or truck should be as level as possible.

**Important:** Do Not attempt to turn the unit while on the ramp, you may lose control and drive off the side.

Avoid sudden acceleration when driving up a ramp and sudden deceleration when backing down a ramp. Both maneuvers can cause the unit to tip backward.

# **Maintenance**

**Note:** Determine the left and right sides of the machine from the normal operating position.

## **A WARNING**

While maintenance or adjustments are being made, someone could start the engine. Accidental starting of the engine could seriously injure you or other bystanders.

Remove the key from the ignition switch, engage parking brake, and pull the wire(s) off the spark plug(s) before you do any maintenance. Also push the wire(s) aside so it does not accidentally contact the spark plug(s).

## **A WARNING**

The engine can become very hot. Touching a hot engine can cause severe burns.

Allow the engine to cool completely before service or making repairs around the engine area.

# Recommended Maintenance Schedule(s)

Maintenance Service Interval	Maintenance Procedure
After the first 5 hours	Change the engine oil.
After the first 250 hours	Change the hydraulic filter.
Before each use or daily	<ul> <li>Check the engine oil level.</li> <li>Check the mower blades.</li> <li>Check the safety interlock system.</li> <li>Check for loose hardware.</li> <li>Clean the engine air cooling system.</li> <li>Clean the grass build-up from under the deck.</li> </ul>
Every 25 hours	Grease the belt idlers.
Every 40 hours	<ul> <li>Check the hydraulic oil level.</li> <li>Check the tire pressures.</li> <li>Check the condition of the belts.</li> <li>Grease the deck pivots.</li> </ul>
Every 50 hours	Service the air cleaner. (May need more often under severe conditions. See the Engine Owner's Manual for additional information.)
Every 80 hours	Remove engine shrouds and clean cooling fins.
Every 100 hours	Change the engine oil. (May need more often under severe conditions.)
Every 160 hours	<ul><li> Grease the brake handle pivot.</li><li> Check the spark plugs.</li></ul>
Monthly	Check the battery charge.
Yearly	<ul> <li>Grease the front caster wheel bearings.</li> <li>Grease front caster pivots.</li> <li>Lubricate the caster wheel hubs.</li> <li>Change the hydraulic filter.</li> </ul>

## Periodic Maintenance

## **Check Engine Oil Level**

#### Service Interval: Before each use or daily

- 1. Stop engine and wait for all moving parts to stop. Make sure unit is on a level surface.
- 2. Check with engine cold.
- 3. Clean area around dipstick. Remove dipstick and wipe oil off. Reinsert the dipstick. Screw into place. Remove the dipstick and read the oil level.
- 4. If the oil level is low, wipe off the area around the oil fill cap, remove cap and fill to the "FULL" mark on the dipstick. Use oil as specified in Engine Owner's Manual. **Do Not** overfill.

**Important:** Do Not operate the engine with the oil level below the "LOW" (or "ADD") mark on the dipstick, or over the "FULL" mark.

## **Check Battery Charge**

Service Interval: Monthly

## **AWARNING**

CALIFORNIA Proposition 65 Warning

Battery posts, terminals, and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.

Allowing batteries to stand for an extended period of time without recharging them will result in reduced performance and service life. To preserve optimum battery performance and life, recharge batteries in storage when the open circuit voltage drops to 12.4 volts.

**Note:** To prevent damage due to freezing, battery should be fully charged before putting away for winter storage.

Check the voltage of the battery with a digital voltmeter. Locate the voltage reading of the battery in the table and charge the battery for the recommended time interval to bring the charge up to a full charge of 12.6 volts or greater.

**Important:** Make sure the negative battery cables are disconnected and the battery charger used for charging the battery has an output of 16 volts and 7 amps or less to avoid damaging the battery (see chart for recommended charger settings).

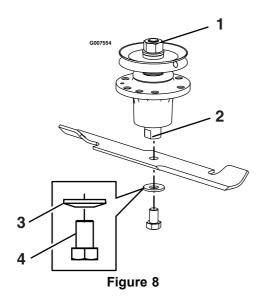
Voltage Reading	Percent Charge	Maximum Charger Settings	Charging Interval
12.6 or greater	100%	16 volts/7 amps	No Charging Required
12.4 – 12.6	75–100%	16 volts/7 amps	30 Minutes
12.2 – 12.4	50–75%	16 volts/7 amps	1 Hour
12.0–12.2	25–50%	14.4 volts/4 amps	2 Hours
11.7–12.0	0–25%	14.4 volts/4 amps	3 Hours
11.7 or less	0%	14.4 volts/2 amps	6 Hours or More

## **Check Mower Blades**

Service Interval: Before each use or daily

**Important:** Mower blades are sharp. Wrap the blade or wear gloves, and use extra caution when servicing them.

- 1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
- 2. Lift deck and secure in raised position as stated in the Clean Grass Build-Up Under Deck section.
- 3. Inspect blades and sharpen or replace as required.
- 4. Install blade bolt and spring disc washer. Be sure the spring disc washer cone is installed towards the bolt head. Place a block of wood between front or rear baffles and the blade then torque the blade bolts to 115–120 ft-lb (156–163 N-m) (Figure 8).



- 1. Do Not use wrench here for blade installation. Maintain 140–145 ft-lb (190–197 N-m)
- Use 1 inch wrench here to hold spindle for blade replacement.
- 3. Cone towards bolt head
- 4. Torque to 115–120 ft-lb (156–163 N-m)

## **A WARNING**

Incorrect installation of the blade or components used to retain the blade can be dangerous. Failure to use all original components and assembled as shown could allow a blade or blade component to be thrown out from under the deck resulting in serious personal injury or death.

Always install the original Exmark blades, spring disc washers, and blade bolts as shown.

# **Check Safety Interlock System**

Service Interval: Before each use or daily

**Note:** To prevent engine cut-outs on rough terrain the seat kill switch has a 1/2 second delay.

1. Check starting circuit. Starter **should** crank with, parking brake **engaged**, PTO **disengaged** and motion control levers moved out in the **neutral lock** position. The operator does not need to be in the seat to start the engine.

Try to start with **operator in seat**, parking brake disengaged, PTO disengaged and motion control levers in the **neutral lock** position - starter **must not crank**.

Try to start with **operator in seat**, parking brake engaged, PTO **engaged** and motion control levers in the **neutral lock** position - starter **must not crank**.

Try to start with operator in seat, parking brake engaged, PTO disengaged, and the left motion control lever in, starter must not crank, repeat again with the right lever in, then with both levers in - starter must not crank.

2. Check the kill circuits. Run engine at one-third throttle, **disengage** parking brake and **raise off** of seat (but do not get off of machine) engine **must initiate shutdown** after approximately 1/2 second has elapsed (seat has time delay kill switch to prevent cut-outs on rough terrain).

Run engine at one-third throttle, engage PTO and raise off of seat (but do not get off of machine) engine must initiate shutdown after 1/2 second has elapsed.

Run engine at one-third throttle, with brake disengaged, move levers in and raise off seat (but do not get off of machine) engine must **initiate shutdown** after 1/2 second has elapsed.

Again, run engine at one-third throttle, brake **engaged**, and move **left motion control lever in** - engine **must initiate shutdown**.

Repeat again moving the **right lever in**, then moving **both levers in** - engine **must initiate shutdown** whether operator is **on seat or not**.

**Note:** If machine does not pass any of these tests, do not operate. Contact your authorized **EXMARK SERVICE DEALER.** 

**Important:** It is essential that operator safety mechanisms be connected and in proper operating condition prior to use for mowing.

## **Check for Loose Hardware**

#### Service Interval: Before each use or daily

- 1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
- 2. Visually inspect machine for any loose hardware or any other possible problem. Tighten hardware or correct the problem before operating.

## Service Air Cleaner

Service Interval: Every 50 hours—Service the air cleaner. (May need more often under severe conditions. See the Engine Owner's Manual for additional information.)

- 1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
- 2. See Engine Owner's Manual for cleaning instructions.

## Change Engine Oil

Service Interval: After the first 5 hours

**Every 100 hours/Yearly** (whichever comes first) (May need more often under severe conditions.)

- 1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
- 2. Drain oil while engine is warm from operation.
- 3. The oil drain is located on right hand side of engine. Place pan under machine to catch oil. Fit hose in literature pack over oil drain valve. Rotate valve 1/4 turn counterclockwise and gently pull outward to open valve. Allow oil to drain, then close valve by pushing inward and rotating 1/4 turn clockwise. Remove and retain the hose for future use.
- 4. Replace the oil filter every other oil change. Clean around oil filter and unscrew filter to remove. Before reinstalling new filter, apply a thin coating of oil on the surface of the rubber seal. Turn filter clockwise until rubber seal contacts the filter adapter then tighten filter an additional 1/2 to 3/4 turn.

- 5. Clean around oil fill cap and remove cap. Fill to specified capacity and replace cap.
- 6. Use oil recommended in engine owner's manual. **Do Not** overfill. Start the engine and check for leaks. Stop engine and recheck oil level.

## Check Hydraulic Oil Level

#### Service Interval: Every 40 hours

- 1. Stop engine and wait for all moving parts to stop. Engage parking brake. Allow engine to cool.
- 2. Clean area around hydraulic expansion reservoir. Oil level should be at the FULL COLD line on expansion reservoir. If not, add oil. Use only Mobil 1 15W-50 synthetic motor oil. Replace hydraulic reservoir cap and tighten until snug. Do Not overtighten. Do Not overfill.

## Check Tire Pressures

#### Service Interval: Every 40 hours

- 1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
- 2. Check tire pressure in drive tires.
- 3. Inflate drive tires to 13 psi (90 kPa).
- 4. Semi-pneumatic caster tires do not need to be inflated.

Note: Do Not add any type of tire liner or foam fill material to the tires. Excessive loads created by foam filled tires may cause failures to the hydro drive system, frame, and other components. Foam filling tires will void the warranty.

## **Check Condition Of Belts**

#### Service Interval: Every 40 hours

- 1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
- 2. Check under engine deck to check pump drive belt.
- 3. Remove left and right belt shields on deck and lift up floor pan to inspect deck drive belt.
- 4. For belt adjustment, see the **Pump Drive Belt** and Deck Belt Tension Adjustment sections.

## **Lubricate Grease Fittings**

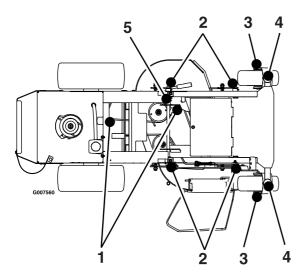
Note: See chart for service intervals.

- 1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
- 2. Lubricate fittings with one to two pumps of NGLI grade #2 multi-purpose gun grease.

Refer to the following chart for fitting locations and lubrication schedule.

Lubrication Chart			
Fitting Locations	Initial Pumps	Number of Places	Service Interval
1. Belt Idlers	1	2	25 Hours
2. Deck Pivots	1	4	40 Hours
3. Front Caster Wheel Bearings	*0	2	*Yearly
4. Front Caster Pivots	*0	2	*Yearly
5. Brake Handle Pivot	1	1	160 Hours

\* See step 3 for special lubrication instructions on the front caster pivots and the **Lubricate Caster Wheel Hubs** section for special lubrication instructions on the front casters wheel hubs.



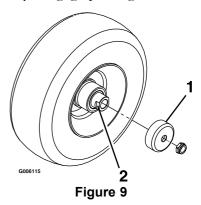
3. Lubricate front caster pivots once a year. Remove hex plug and cap. Thread grease zerk in hole and

pump with grease until it oozes out around top bearing. Remove grease zerk and thread plug back in. Place cap back on.

## **Lubricate Caster Wheel Hubs**

#### Service Interval: Yearly

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.



- Seal guard
- 2. Spacer nut with wrench flats
- 2. Remove caster wheel from caster forks.
- 3. Remove seal guards from the wheel hub.
- 4. Remove one of the spacer nuts from the axle assembly in the caster wheel. Note that thread locking adhesive has been applied to lock the spacer nuts to the axle. Remove the axle (with the other spacer nut still assembled to it) from the wheel assembly.
- 5. Pry out seals, and inspect bearings for wear or damage and replace if necessary.
- 6. Pack the bearings with a NGLI grade #1 multi-purpose grease.
- 7. Insert one bearing, one new seal into the wheel.

**Note:** Seals (Exmark P/N 103-0063) must be replaced.

8. If the axle assembly has had both spacer nuts removed (or broken loose), apply a thread locking adhesive to one spacer nut and thread onto the axle with the wrench flats facing outward. Do Not thread spacer nut all of the way onto the end of the axle. Leave approximately 1/8 inch (3 mm) from the outer surface of the spacer nut to the end of the axle inside the nut.

- 9. Insert the assembled nut and axle into the wheel on the side of the wheel with the new seal and bearing.
- 10. With the open end of the wheel facing up, fill the area inside the wheel around the axle full of NGLI grade #1 multi-purpose grease.
- 11. Insert the second bearing and new seal into the wheel.
- 12. Apply a thread locking adhesive to the 2nd spacer nut and thread onto the axle with the wrench flats facing outward.
- 13. Torque the nut to 75-80 in-lb (8-9 N-m), loosen, then re-torque to 20-25 in-lb (2-3 N-m). Make sure axle does not extend beyond either nut.
- 14. Reinstall the seal guards over the wheel hub and insert wheel into caster fork. Reinstall caster bolt and tighten nut fully.

Important: To prevent seal and bearing damage, check the bearing adjustment often. Spin the caster tire. The tire should not spin freely (more than 1 or 2 revolutions) or have any side play. If the wheel spins freely, adjust torque on spacer nut until there is a slight amount of drag. Reapply thread locking adhesive.

## **Check Spark Plugs**

Service Interval: Every 160 hours

Remove spark plugs, check condition and reset gaps, or replace with new plugs. See Engine Owner's Manual.

## **Change Fuel Filter**

Service Interval: As required

A fuel filter is installed between the fuel tanks and the engine. Replace when necessary.

Replacement Filters	
Kawasaki	<b>Kawasaki</b> P/N 49019–7001

# **Change Hydraulic System Filter**

## Service Interval: After the first 250 hours Yearly thereafter

**Note:** Use only MOBIL 1 15W-50 Synthetic motor oil.

- 1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
- 2. Locate the two filters under the transmissions. Remove filter guards.
- 3. Carefully clean area around filters. It is important that no dirt or contamination enter hydraulic system.
- 4. Unscrew filters to remove and allow oil to drain from drive system.

**Important:** Before reinstalling new filter, apply a thin coat of oil on the surface of the rubber seal.

Turn the filters clockwise until rubber seal contacts the filter adapter then tighten the filter an additional 1/2 to 3/4 turn.

5. Remove the vent plug on each transmission and fill through expansion reservoir, when oil comes out of vent reinstall plug. Torque plugs to 180 in-lbs (20 N-m). Continue to add oil until it reaches the FULL COLD line on the expansion reservoir.

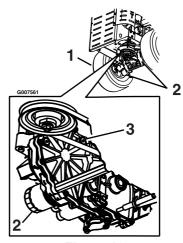


Figure 10 Left Side Shown

- 1. Left rear tire
- 2. Oil filter
- 3. Vent plug

6. Raise the rear of machine up and support with jack stands (or equivalent support) just high enough to allow drive wheels to turn freely.

## **A** CAUTION

Raising the mower deck for service or maintenance relying solely on mechanical or hydraulic jacks could be dangerous. The mechanical or hydraulic jacks may not be enough support or may malfunction allowing the unit to fall, which could cause injury.

Do Not rely solely on mechanical or hydraulic jacks for support. Use adequate jack stands or equivalent support.

- 7. Start engine and move throttle control ahead to 1/2 throttle position. Disengage parking brake.
  - A. With the bypass valve open and the engine running, slowly move the directional control in both forward and reverse (5 or 6 times).
  - B. With the bypass valve closed and the engine running, slowly move the directional control in both forward and reverse directions (5 to 6 times).
  - C. It may be necessary to repeat steps A and B until all the air is completely purged from the system. When the transaxle operates at normal noise levels and moves smoothly forward and reverse at normal speeds, then the transaxle is considered purged.

**Note:** Do Not change hydraulic system oil (except for what can be drained when changing filter), unless it is felt the oil has been contaminated or been extremely hot.

Changing oil unnecessarily could damage hydraulic system by introducing contaminates into the system.

# Fuel Tank — Mounting Hardware Specifications

Service Interval: As required

When installing the nuts on the fuel tank studs, fully tighten the nyloc nut and back off 1/2 turn. This allows for normal fuel tank expansion and contraction with changes in temperature and fuel levels.

## **Thread Locking Adhesives**

Thread locking adhesives such as "Loctite 242" or "Fel-Pro, Pro-Lock Nut Type" are used on the following fasteners:

- Clutch retaining bolt in the end of engine crankshaft.
- Caster wheel spacer nuts.
- Cutter housing spindle nut.

Adhesives such as "Loctite RC/609 or RC/680" or "Fel-Pro Pro-Lock Retaining I or Retaining II" are used on the following:

Fuel tank studs, where studs are inserted into tank.

# Mobil HTS Grease (Or Food-Grade Anti-seize)

Mobil HTS grease (or food-grade anti-seize) is used in the following locations:

- Between the cutter housing spindle and bearings.
- Between the cutter housing spindle and sheave.
- Under top cutter housing bearing guard.

## **Dielectric Grease**

Dielectric grease is used on all blade type electrical connections to prevent corrosion and loss of contact.

# Adjustments

**Note:** Disengage PTO, shut off engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, engage parking brake, and remove key before servicing, cleaning, or making any adjustments to the unit.

## **Deck Leveling**

- 1. Position mower on a flat surface.
- 2. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
- 3. Check tire pressure in drive tires. Proper inflation pressure for tires is 13 psi (90 kPa). Adjust if necessary. Semi-pneumatic caster tires Do Not need to be inflated.
- 4. Set anti-scalp rollers to top holes (if installed) or remove them completely for this adjustment.
- 5. Lower the deck to the 1 1/2 inch (3.8 cm) height position. Place two 1 1/8 inch (2.9 cm) thick blocks under the rear edge of the cutting deck skirt; one on each side of the cutting deck.
- 6. Place a 1 inch (2.5 cm) block under the center front edge, but not under the anti-scalp roller brackets.
- 7. Loosen the four bottom chain bolts in slots until the deck is supported by the blocks. Take the slack out of the chains and retighten the hardware.
- 8. Recheck that blocks fit just snugly under the deck skirt and that the tension on all the chains is approximately equal. Make sure all chain attachment bolts are tight.
- 9. Reposition anti-scalp rollers (if installed) and tighten securely.

**Note:** When above adjustments have been made, the front of the deck will be slightly lower than the rear of the deck.

## **Pump Drive Belt Tension**

Self-tensioning - No adjustment necessary.

## **Deck Drive Belt Tension**

Self-tensioning – No adjustment necessary.

## **Electric Clutch Adjustment**

No adjustment necessary.

# Motion Control Linkage Adjustment

**Note:** There are two lever height options available. Place the levers in the top two holes to increase height of the levers, or in the bottom two holes to decrease the height of the levers.

1. Align the levers front/rear position. With the levers in the neutral position, loosen the hardware and adjust the levers sliding and/or tilting the lever(s) forward or backward until properly aligned and tighten hardware (Figure 11).

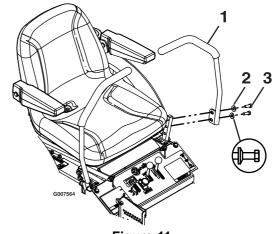
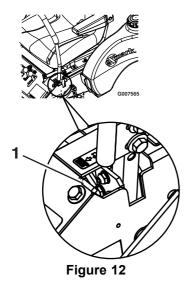


Figure 11

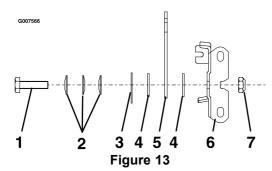
- 1. Motion control levers
- 3. 3/8-16 x 1 inch screw
- 2. Spring disc washer
- 2. If the ends of the levers hit against each other, while in the drive position (levers rotated in as far as possible), make adjustments by moving the levers outwards to the neutral lock position and carefully bending them outward. Move them back to the drive position and check for clearance. Repeat if necessary.
- If the machine turns right or left when handles are pushed forward together, adjust the stop on the side opposite the direction of turn (see Figure 12). Move the stop back until the unit drives straight. Readjust handles if necessary.



1. Adjust stop

# Adjust Throttle Lever Tension

- 1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
- 2. Tension in throttle lever can be adjusted by adjusting the tightness of the lever pivot bolt, which is located under the console (Figure 13).



- 1. Hex bolt
- 2. Spring disc washers
- 3. Tab washer
- 4. Friction washer
- Lever
- 6. Bracket
- 7. Hex locknut

# Cleaning

# Clean Engine Air Cooling System

Service Interval: Before each use or daily

(May be required more often in dry or dirty

conditions.)

## **A** CAUTION

Excessive debris can cause the engine and hydraulic system to overheat which can create a fire hazard.

Clean all debris from around the engine and hydraulic pumps daily.

- 1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
- 2. Clean all debris from rotating engine air intake screen and from around engine shrouding.

# Remove Engine Shrouds and Clean Cooling Fins

Service Interval: Every 80 hours

- 1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
- 2. Remove cooling shrouds from engine and clean cooling fins. Also clean dust, dirt and oil from external surfaces of engine, which can cause improper cooling.
- Make sure cooling shrouds are properly reinstalled. Operating the engine without cooling shrouds will cause engine damage due to overheating.

# Clean Grass Build-Up Under Deck

Service Interval: Before each use or daily

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.

#### **Maintenance**

- 2. Raise deck to the transport (maximum cutting height) position. Lift the front of unit and support unit using jack stands or equivalent support.
- 3. Clean out any grass build-up from underside of deck and in discharge chute.

## **Waste Disposal**

## **Motor Oil Disposal**

Engine oil and hydraulic oil are both pollutants to the environment. Dispose of used oil at a certified recycling center or according to your state and local regulations.

## **Battery Disposal**

## **A** DANGER

Battery electrolyte contains sulfuric acid, which is poisonous and can cause severe burns. Swallowing electrolyte can be fatal or if it touches skin can cause severe burns.

- Wear safety glasses to shield eyes, and rubber gloves to protect skin and clothing when handling electrolyte.
- Do Not swallow electrolyte.

Federal law states that batteries should not be placed in the garbage. Management and disposal practices must be within relevant federal, state, or local laws.

If a battery is being replaced or if the unit containing the battery is no longer operating and is being scrapped, take the battery to a local certified recycling center. If no local recycling is available return the battery to any certified battery reseller.

# **Troubleshooting**

**Important:** It is essential that all operator safety mechanisms be connected and in proper operating condition prior to mower use.

When a problem occurs, do not overlook the simple causes. For example: starting problems could be caused by an empty fuel tank.

The following table lists some of the common causes of trouble. Do not attempt to service or replace major items or any items that call for special timing of adjustments procedures (such as valves, governor, etc.). Have this work done by your **Engine Service Dealer**.

**Note:** When disconnecting electrical connectors DO NOT pull on the wires to separate the connectors.

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
Starter does not crank	1. PTO is engaged.	1. Disengage the PTO.
	<ul><li>2. Parking brake is not engaged.</li><li>3. Drive levers are not in neutral lock position.</li></ul>	<ol> <li>Set the parking brake.</li> <li>Ensure the drive levers are in the neutral lock position.</li> </ol>
	<ul><li>4. Battery does not have a full charge.</li><li>5. Electrical connections are corroded, loose or faulty.</li></ul>	Charge the battery.     Check the electrical connections for good contact. Clean connector terminals thoroughly with electrical contact cleaner, apply dielectric grease and reconnect.
	<ul><li>6. Fuse is blown.</li><li>7. Relay or switch is defective.</li></ul>	<ul><li>6. Replace the blown fuse.</li><li>7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li></ul>
Engine will not start, starts hard, or fails to	1. Fuel tank is empty.	1. Fill the fuel tank.
keep running	<ol> <li>Fuel shutoff valve is closed.</li> <li>Oil level in the crankcase is low.</li> <li>The throttle and choke are not in the correct position.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Open the fuel shutoff valve.</li> <li>Add oil to the crankcase.</li> <li>Be sure the throttle control is midway between the "SLOW" and "FAST" positions, and the choke is in the "ON" position for a cold engine or the "OFF" position for a warm engine.</li> </ol>
	<ul><li>5. Dirt in fuel filter.</li><li>6. Dirt, water, or stale fuel is in the fuel system.</li></ul>	<ul><li>5. Replace the fuel filter.</li><li>6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li></ul>
	<ol> <li>Air cleaner is dirty.</li> <li>Seat switch is not properly adjusted.</li> <li>Electrical connections are corroded, loose or faulty.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Clean or replace the air cleaner element.</li> <li>Adjust the seat switch.</li> <li>Check the electrical connections for good contact. Clean connector terminals thoroughly with electrical contact cleaner, apply dielectric grease and reconnect.</li> </ol>
	<ul><li>10. Relay or switch is defective.</li><li>11. Faulty spark plug.</li><li>12. Spark plug wire is not connected.</li></ul>	<ul><li>10. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li><li>11. Clean, adjust or replace spark plug.</li><li>12. Check the spark plug wire connection.</li></ul>
Engine loses power	Engine load is excessive	Reduce the ground speed.
	<ol> <li>Air cleaner is dirty.</li> <li>Oil level in the crankcase is low.</li> <li>Cooling fins and air passages for the engine are plugged.</li> <li>Vent hole in the fuel cap is plugged.</li> <li>Dirt in fuel filter.</li> <li>Dirt, water, or stale fuel is in the fuel system.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Clean or replace the air cleaner element.</li> <li>Add oil to the crankcase.</li> <li>Remove the obstructions from the cooling fins and air passages.</li> <li>Clean or replace the fuel cap.</li> <li>Replace the fuel filter.</li> <li>Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>

# **Troubleshooting**

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
Engine overheats	<ol> <li>Engine load is excessive</li> <li>Oil level in the crankcase is low.</li> <li>Cooling fins and air passages for the engine are plugged.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Reduce the ground speed.</li> <li>Add oil to the crankcase.</li> <li>Remove the obstructions from the cooling fins and air passages.</li> </ol>
Mower pulls left or right (with levers fully forward)	<ol> <li>Tire pressure in drive tires not correct.</li> <li>Motion control stops need adjustment.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Adjust tire pressure in the drive tires.</li> <li>Adjust the motion control stops.</li> </ol>
Machine does not drive	<ol> <li>Drive wheel release is not closed.</li> <li>Drive or pump belt is worn, loose or broken.</li> <li>Drive or pump belt is off a pulley.</li> <li>Broken or missing idler spring.</li> <li>Hydraulic fluid level is low or too hot.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Close the drive wheel release.</li> <li>Change the belt.</li> <li>Change the belt.</li> <li>Replace the spring.</li> <li>Add hydraulic fluid to reservoir or let it cool down.</li> </ol>
Uneven cutting height.	<ol> <li>Blade(s) not sharp.</li> <li>Cutting blade(s) is/are bent.</li> <li>Mower deck is not level.</li> <li>Underside of mower is dirty.</li> <li>Tire pressure in drive tires not correct.</li> <li>Blade spindle bent.</li> <li>Tips of adjacent blades are at an uneven cutting height. Blades tips should be even within 3/16 inch which is approximately one blade thickness.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Sharpen the blade(s).</li> <li>Install new cutting blade(s).</li> <li>Level mower deck from side-to-side and front-to-rear.</li> <li>Clean the underside of the mower.</li> <li>Adjust tire pressure in the drive tires.</li> <li>Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>Replace blades, spindles and (or) check for damage to mower deck.</li> </ol>
Abnormal vibration	<ol> <li>Cutting blade(s) is/are bent or unbalanced.</li> <li>Blade mounting bolt is loose.</li> <li>Engine mounting bolts are loose.</li> <li>Loose engine pulley, idler pulley, or blade pulley.</li> <li>Engine pulley is damaged.</li> <li>Blade spindle is bent.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Install new cutting blade(s).</li> <li>Tighten the blade mounting bolt.</li> <li>Tighten the engine mounting bolts.</li> <li>Tighten the appropriate pulley.</li> <li>Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>
Blades do not rotate.	<ol> <li>Drive belt is worn, loose or broken.</li> <li>Drive belt is off pulley.</li> <li>Deck belt is worn, loose or broken.</li> <li>Deck belt is off pulley.</li> <li>Broken or missing idler spring.</li> <li>PTO clutch does not engage.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Check the belt tension.</li> <li>Install drive belt and check adjusting shafts and belt guides for correct position.</li> <li>Install new deck belt.</li> <li>Install deck pulley and check the idler pulley, idler arm and spring for correct position and function.</li> <li>Replace the spring.</li> <li>Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>

# **Schematics**

## **Electrical Diagram** OIL PRESSURE ENGINE KILL FUEL SOLENOID FUSE FUSE 南 BLACK — ORANGE/BLK STPE WOLET RECTIFIER/ REGULATOR GROUND SEAT DELAY MODULE INPUT SWITCHES ARE CLOSED WITH OPERATOR IN SEAT AND MACHINE LEVEL BULBILL . SEAT DELAY MODULE CONTROL RHMOTION TAN —— ORANGE —— ORANGE — ORANGE — ORANGE — DK BLUE WOLET YELLOW SWITCH | HOUR IGNITION NOTE: CONNECTORS VIEWED FROM WIRE END. HOUR METER, PTO SWITCH HOUR METER, PTO SWITCH CRCUIT "MAKE" NONE B+I+A X+Y B+I+S VOLTAGE REGULATOR CONNECTIONS START RELAY IGNITION SWITCH SEAT DELAY BATTERY 1.0FF 2.RUN 3.START TERMINAL S TERMINAL I **TERMINAL X** TERMINAL B G007567

# 2-Year Limited Warranty Exmark Turf Equipment

(For units purchased on or after October 1, 2004)

#### **Conditions and Products Covered**

Exmark Mfg. Co. Inc. and its affiliate, Exmark Warranty Company, pursuant to an agreement between them, jointly warrant on the terms and conditions herein, that we will repair, replace or adjust any part manufactured by Exmark and found by us (in the exercise of our reasonable discretion) to be defective in factory materials or workmanship for a period of two years.

This warranty applies to Exmark turf equipment purchased on or after October 1, 2004 sold in the US or Canada. This warranty may only be assigned or transferred to a second (or third) owner by an authorized Exmark dealer. The warranty period commences upon the date of the original retail purchase.

	<u>Products</u>	Warranty Period
•	All Products (except as noted below)	2 years
<ul> <li>All Attachments and Accessories</li> </ul>		1 year
<ul> <li>Metro 21 and Metro 26 Series</li> </ul>		1 year
• Belts and Tires		90 days
•	Battery	1 Year Prorated
•	Engine* Warranty is covered by eng	ine manufacturer

\* Please refer to the engine manufacturer's warranty statement that is included in the literature packet. We are not authorized to handle warranty adjustments on engines.

This warranty only includes the cost of parts and labor.

#### **Items and Conditions Not Covered**

This warranty does not cover the following:

- Pickup and delivery charges to and from any authorized Exmark Service Dealer beyond first warrantable service.
- Any damage or deterioration due to normal use, wear and tear, or exposure.
- Cost of regular maintenance service or parts, such as filters, fuel, lubricants, tune-up parts, and adjustments.
- Any product or part which has been altered or misused or required replacement or repair due to normal wear, accidents, or lack of proper maintenance.
- Any repairs necessary due to use of parts, accessories or supplies, including gasoline, oil or lubricants, incompatible with the turf equipment or other than as recommended in the operator's manual or other operational instructions provided by Exmark.

There are no other express warranties except for engine and special emission system coverage stated elsewhere herein or included with the product.

All warranty work must be performed by an authorized Exmark Service Dealer using Exmark approved replacement parts.

#### **Instructions for Obtaining Warranty Service**

The product must be registered with original proof of purchase by an Exmark Service Dealer before obtaining any warranty service. Contact any Exmark Service Dealer to arrange service at their dealership. To locate a dealer convenient to you, access our website at www.exmark.com. U.S. Customers may also call 402-223-6375.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with the Service Dealer's analysis or with the assistance provided, contact us at:

Exmark Customer Service Department The Exmark Warranty Company 2101 Ashland Avenue Beatrice, NE 68310 402-223-6375 or service@exmark.com

#### Owner's Responsibilities

The Exmark turf equipment, including any defective part, must be returned to an authorized Exmark service dealer within the warranty period. This warranty extends only to turf equipment operated under normal conditions. You must read the operator's manual. You must also properly service and maintain your Exmark product as described in the operator's manual. Such routine maintenance, whether performed by a dealer or by you, is at your expense.

#### **General Conditions**

The sole liability of Exmark and Exmark Warranty Company with respect to this warranty shall be repair and replacement of defective components as set forth herein. Neither Exmark nor Exmark Warranty Company shall have any liability for any other cost, loss or damage, including but not limited to, any incidental or consequential loss or damage.

In particular, we shall have no liability or responsibility for:

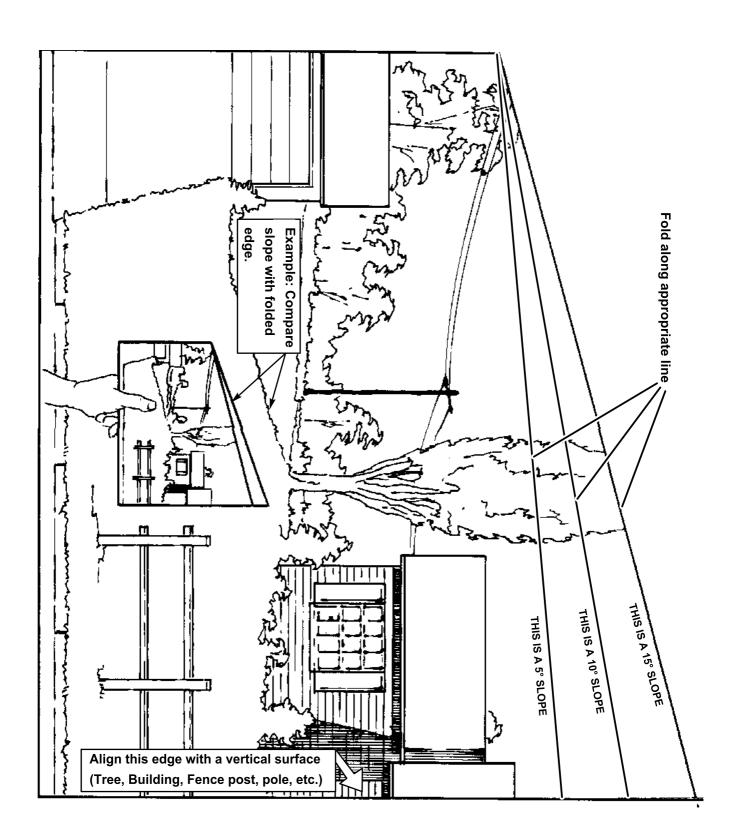
- Expenses related to gasoline, oil or lubricants.
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- Rental of like or similar replacement equipment during the period of any warranty, repair or replacement work.
- Any telephone or telegram charges or travel charges.
- Loss or damage to person or property other than that covered by the terms of this warranty.
- Any claims for lost revenue, lost profit or additional cost as a result of a claim of breach of warranty.
- · Attorney's fees.

No Claim of breach of warranty shall be cause for cancellation or rescission of the contract of sale of any Exmark mower.

Some states do not allow exclusions of incidental or consequential damages, so the above exclusions and limitations may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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